(b) The breach section has been closed and raised upto a level of 82.50 m in the first phase of work on 16.2.2009. Earthwork in the embankment to raise it further upto 87.25m is in progress.

(c) to (f) 269 m High Dam has been envisaged on river Kosi at Barahkshetra (Nepal) to utilise the Kosi water for hydropower generation and to improve the irrigation water supplies besides flood mitigation in North Bihar. To prepare the Detailed Project Report (DPR) of Saptakosi High Dam Project, a Joint Project Office (JPO) has been set up jointly at Biratnagar (Nepal) in August 2004 to undertake the field investigation and formulation of the scheme jointly with Nepal.

Sardar Sarovar Yojana

†850.SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any initiative is being taken to revive the Sardar Sarovar Yojana;

(b) whether any discussion has been held about needs and provisions of resettlement; and

(c) the role of Central Government regarding above mentioned subject?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Sardar Sarovar Project is an on going Project being implemented by the four party State Governments of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan in accordance with Narmada Water Disputes Tribunal Award.

(b) The Narmada Water Disputes Tribunal (NWDT) Award stipulated provisions of Resettlement & Rehabilitation of Project Affected Persons. The implementation of provisions of Resettlement & Rehabilitation (R&R) is being monitored by Narmada Control Authority and its R&R Sub-Group on a regular basis.

(c) In accordance with the directions of Narmada Water Disputes Tribunal Award, the Central Government has formulated Narmada Water Scheme under Section-6(A) of Inter-State Water Dispute Act, 1956 and *inter-alia*, constituted the Narmada Control Authority, Sardar Sarovar Construction Advisory Committee and Review Committee of Narmada Control Authority for implementation of Sardar Sarovar Project. This is as per directions of NWDT Award, Environmental Clearance Order of Ministry of Environment & Forests and various directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and Hon'ble High Courts.

Brahmaputra Board

851. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the plan to restructure Brahmaputra Board has been implemented by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the manpower and institutional break up finalized as well as additional power or autonomy granted to upgrade the board to an effective functional entity; and

(d) if not, the reasons for delay and by when it is likely to be restructured?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) Proposal for restructuring of Brahmaputra Board by way of amendment of Brahmaputa Board Act, 1980 is being finalized in consultation with the concerned Central Government Ministries/Departments and the State Governments which is a time consuming process. After finalization of the proposal, a bill seeking amendment of the Act will be brought up before the Parliament. Subsequently, the amended Act will be notified in the official Gazette and the Board will be restructured accordingly. The restructuring of the Board will depend on the final passing of the Bill by the Parliament.

Water dispute of Mhadei river

852. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a Mhadei River water dispute between the State of Goa and the State of Karnataka;

(b) contentions in brief of both the States;

(c) steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether a delegation, led by the Chief Minister of Goa met the Prime Minister of India, recently; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (e) The Government of Karnataka in April, 2002 requested for clearance of proposal from inter-State angle for diversion of 7.56 TMC of water from Mahadayi basin to Malaprabha basin through implementation of Kalasa and Bhandurinalla schemes to meet the drinking water needs of Hubli/Dharwad cities. The Ministry of Water Resources (MOWR) gave and 'in principle' clearance to the proposal to meet the drinking water need of Hubli/Dharwad from water availability angle on 30th April, 2002. The Government of Goa in July, 2002 took strong exception to the grant of this clearance by the Ministry and requested for setting up of an Inter-State Water Disputes Tribunal under the Inter-State Water Disputes Act, 1956 for resolution of the dispute. In view of this, the 'in-principle' clearance grantee by the Ministry was placed 'in abeyance' in September, 2002 with a view to resolve the matter by an agreement between the two States, failing which by an award of the Tribunal. Later, a view emerged in the MOWR that he said dispute cannot be settled by Negotiations.